Massachusetts State Board of Electricians Regular Meeting Minutes July 24, 2017

Held at 1000 Washington Street Room 1D, Boston, MA Boston, MA 02118

Board of State Examiners of Electricians convened its regular board meeting. Items listed in order of consideration.

1) The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10 A.M.

The following Board members were present:
Peter Senopoulos, Fire Marshal Designee, Chair
David Edmonds, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Designee
Stephen LeVangie, Electrical Contractor Member
James Colleary, Inspector of Wires Member
Thomas Cunningham, Master Electrician Member
Paul J. Malagrifa, International Municipal Signal Association, Member
John M. Sloane, Journeyman Electrician Member
George Condon III, Systems Technician Member
Kathleen Guinee, Systems Contractor Member (Vice Chair)

Absent Board members: John Bagni, MAVA Member Ellen Dorian, Public Member

The following members of Staff were present: Charles Kilb, Board Counsel Richard Paris, Investigator Kristin Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

2) The Board considered the minutes from the meeting of June 26, 2017. Staff requested that the approval of the minutes be delayed to ensure they are properly finalized

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Colleary to table approval of the minutes Vote: Unanimous

- 3) The chair announced that the next scheduled Board meeting will be on August 28, 2017.
- 4) The Board considered recommendations for the issuance of licenses by reciprocity.

Thomas J. Boyer, Journeyman Justin T. Cote, Journeyman Travis R. Jones, Journeyman Eric G. Karlson, Journeyman Timothy C. Murphy, Journeyman A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Colleary to approve the recommendations for issuance of license

Vote: Unanimous

5) The Board considered Corporate and individual license changes submitted to the Board office:

Removals

Marc L. Desjardins

(Surveillance Specialties Ltd. Dba Securadyne Systems Northeast)

Steven R. Marcouillier

(NRG Home Solar dba Roof Diagnostics)

Lloyd R. Smith

(Granite Guard LLC)

Additions

Bay State Solar Solutions LLC

(David Amaral)

Brookline Solar Electric dba Great

Sky Solar

(Timothy D. Moore)

C&L Electrical Solutions LLC

(Stephen M. Crasco)

Fairchild Electric LLC

(Julia T. Dooley Fairchild)

Haas Electric Inc

(Roy D. Rivers)

Harwichport Heating and Cooling

LLC

(Andrew M. Levesque)

Michael Sulmonte

(Brookline Solar Electric dba Great Sky Solar)

Philip F. Zampitella Jr.

(Vivint Solar Developer LLC)

LSGC LLC dba Lead Staffing

(Brian A. Deneault)

Premier Power LLC

(Richard P. Crea)

Robert T. Lovett Contractors Inc

(Robert T. Lovett)

Solect Energy Development LLC

(Dominic N. Gitiiba)

Surveillance Specialties Ltd dba

Securadyne Systems Northeast

(Christopher P. Johnson)

Vivint Solar Developer LLC

(Lloyd R. Smith)

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the applications as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

- 6) Reports
 - June Exam License issuances

Journeyman	71
Master	38
Systems Technician	15
Systems Contractor	1

• Legislative update – Mr. Colleary noted that a public hearing was recently held for House Bill 1317. This bill would convert the Building Code Coordinating Council, an entity created by Executive Order to reduce conflicts and overlaps in construction codes, into a statutory based entity with veto power over construction regulations. Members noted that they were unaware of the necessity of such an entity and were concerned that, without proper safeguards, it might obstruct necessary life/safety regulations. The Board may deliberate on this bill in the future if it appears likely to pass.

No formal action taken.

7) Chief Investigator Christopher Carroll appeared in front of the Board. Mr. Carroll indicated that he has been working with different District Attorneys, the Division of Industrial Accidents, and the Underground Economy Task Force to enhance cooperation in agency enforcement actions. In particular, Mr. Carroll noted that the cooperation of District Attorneys are critical for criminal prosecutions, which may occur with unlicensed electrical work that often accompanies acts of larceny or otherwise harm consumers.

No formal action taken

8) Subcommittee Report.

Mr. Edmonds reported on the meeting of the Education Subcommittee held on July 20, 2017. The Subcommittee approved several providers and reviewed the Board's regulations capping credit for vocational programs, it also tabled action on a request to approve an inspector course. Mr. Edmunds indicated that this meeting led to several areas which would be appropriate for full Board action:

A. Mr. Edmonds noted that the subcommittee only approved instructors who were licensed by examination in Massachusetts. He asked that the Board verify this is the appropriate approach to provider approvals.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Colleary to consistently require Massachusetts licensed instructors.

Vote: Unanimous

B. Mr. Edmonds indicated that further attention was required for the curriculum of continuing education for inspectors of wires.

A motion was made by Mr. Colleary and seconded by Ms. Guinee to involve Mr. Colleary, in his capacity as an inspector, to help the Education Subcommittee review the curriculum for continuing education for inspectors of wires.

Vote: Unanimous

C. Mr. Edmonds reported that the education subcommittee began reviewing a request to reconsider regulations capping vocational programs to 300 hours of education. Mr. Edmonds noted that the

subcommittee was not aware of any proponents of changing this cap other than Board member Bagni. Accordingly, unless the Board otherwise objected, the subcommittee would continue to review this matter at its next meeting to allow any interested parties to weigh in on the topic.

No formal action taken.

9) Reinstatement of revoked licenses.

Legal Counsel indicated that this agenda item had been created as a result of a related matter discussed in closed session at a prior meeting. Specifically, counsel noted that the Board had a policy on reinstating individuals who were revoked due to a default judgement, however, the Board had no procedure with regards to people revoked after a hearing process or voluntary surrender. Counsel noted that typically Boards will set a minimum time in which a person must remain revoked prior to reviewing the matter on a case by case basis.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Malagrifia that an individual revoked for non-default reasons may, after a minimum of five years, petition the Board in writing for reinstatement. Vote: Unanimous

- 10) The chair opened the meeting to any matters not reasonably anticipated.
 - Paul Cormier addressed the Board on behalf of provider Jade Learning. He submitted a follow-up at the end of last week to address issues previously raised by the Board. The work he has performed included clarifying its privacy and security policies, listing the provider approval number in the literature, and making certain other minor corrections.

No formal action required.

Mr. Colleary inquired as to whether it would be appropriate to share the Board's agenda with
inspectors of wires. Legal counsel indicated it was a public record and noted that it was posted on
the Board's publicly accessible website.

No formal action required.

At 11:22 a.m., the Chair announced that the Board would be taking a recess and would thereafter enter various forms of closed sessions.

11) Executive Session (Closed to public) – M.G.L. c. 30A, §21.

At 11:32 AM. the Chair announced that the next agenda item would require the Board to close the open session and enter executive session per M.G.L. c. 30A, §21 to discuss individuals character, rather than competence. The Chair estimated that the Board would be in Executive Session for approximately one hour. The public was notified that the Board did not intend to return to open session other than to go into other forms of closed sessions or adjournment, though it could return to open session if something not reasonably anticipated occurred.

A motion was made by Mr. Edmonds and seconded by Mr. Colleary and it was so unanimously approved by roll call vote: To enter into Executive Session (Separate Minutes maintained)

In favor: Peter Senopoulos, James Colleary, David Edmonds, George Condon, Steven LeVangie, Thomas Cunningham, Paul J. Malagrifa, John M. Sloane, Kathleen Guinee

Opposed: None Abstained: None

Recused: None

At 12:34 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session and returned to open session. After a short recess, at 12:46 p.m., the Chair called for a motion to enter into Investigative Conference.

12) Investigative Conference (Closed to the public) – M.G.L. c. 112, §65C

A motion was made by Mr. Colleary, seconded by Mr. Edmonds, to enter into Investigative Conference to review complaint matters.

Vote: Unanimous

Upon conclusion of the Investigative Conference, the following results were noted for the public record:

- a) 2016-000218-IT-ENF Sent to the Office of Prosecutions
- b) 2017-000388-IT-ENF Sent to the Office of Prosecutions
- c) 2017-000687-IT-ENF Sent to the Office of Prosecutions

When the Investigative Conference concluded, the Board returned to open session. The Chair noted that the Board then needed to enter Quasi-Judicial Session.

13) Quasi-Judicial session.

A motion was made by Mr. Colleary, seconded by Mr. Edmonds, to enter into Quasi-Judicial Session per M.G.L. c. 30A, §18 for the purpose of issuing final decisions in adjudicatory matters.

Vote: Unanimous

Upon conclusion of the Quasi-Judicial Session, the following results were noted for the public record:

Final Decisions were issued pursuant to the following complaint matters:

- a) EL-15-095
- b) 2016-000011-IT-ENF

When the Investigative Conference concluded, the Board returned to open session.

14) Adjournment

At 1:10 p.m., the Chairman (Fire Marshal's Designee) noted that the Board had completed all agenda items and requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Colleary and seconded by Ms. Guinee

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

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List of Documents used at the meeting

- 1. Meeting agenda
- 2. Handout from Jade Learning

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